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## Saginaw based government facility moves to new location

**DETROIT --** We've moved to a new location, say the people of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District's Saginaw Field Office since they've moved from Essexville to a new location in Bay City.

The Corps' Saginaw Field Office moved into the James A. O'Rourke Army Reserve Center on North Henry Street just a couple of miles off I-75 in an effort to better serve the public and to save money.

They estimate a \$2 million savings over the next ten years, because of staff downsizing, using a smaller space, eliminating other labor costs, cutting back on utility payments, and not having to incur the cost of repairs to the old building. Although the Corps owned the old building they still paid utilities, maintenance, and upkeep costs, but by moving in with another Army agency they won't have those costs.

Making this move eliminates two full time positions, \$5,000 a year in labor for maintenance, \$20,000 a year in utilities, and at least \$100,000 in repairs to the previous building.

"We're excited about this move because we're saving money and we feel we can serve the public better", said Steve Birchmeier, Civil Engineer at the Saginaw Office.

Most people visiting this Corps Saginaw office are looking for regulatory or permit information, but they should remember to call ahead to assure someone will be there to help them.

The new Saginaw Field Office is located at:

**1501 North Henry Street  
Bay City, MI 48706-3599  
Regulatory Team, Room 126  
Survey Team, Room 127**

**Phone: (989) 684-5781 or, (989) 684-5969  
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District civil works program encompasses 93,000 square miles area of the lower Great Lakes basin in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio. The Corps operates and/or maintains 104 navigation structures in the basin. Its mission includes real estate transactions, flood control, regulatory activities, disaster response, and mobilization readiness.

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“Many times people are looking for the regulatory folks, but often they’re out in the field, so it’s best to call and make an appointment especially now because in this building visitors have to be personally escorted to meet with anyone,” said Birchmeier.

He added, “I think this is a positive move for the employees and the public mainly because this building is easier to get to from the main road.”